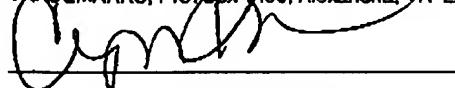


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In re application of: Richard P. Volant et al.	Date: 12/23/03
Serial Number: 10/026,146	Examiner: Hung K. Vu
Filed: 12/21/01	Group Art Unit: 2811
Title: Multi-Level RF Passive Device	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/300, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

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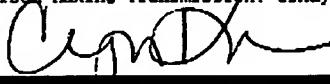
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